CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, May 20, 2002

SENATE

H.R. 3009 - Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act:

Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 3401, in the nature of a substitute.

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Hutchison Amendment No. 3441 (to Amendment No. 3401), to prohibit a country that has not taken steps to support the United States efforts to combat terrorism from receiving certain trade benefits.

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Reid (for Torricelli/Mikulski) Amendment No. 3415 (to Amendment No. 3401), to amend the labor provisions to ensure that all trade agreements include meaningful, enforceable provisions on workers' rights.

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Reid (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3448 (to Amendment No. 3401), to clarify the procedures for procedural disapproval resolutions.

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Reid (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3449 (to Amendment No. 3401), to clarify the procedures for extension disapproval resolutions.

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Reid (for Corzine) Amendment No. 3461 (to Amendment No. 3401), to help ensure that trade agreements protect national security, social security, and other significant public services.

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Reid (for Corzine) Amendment No. 3462 (to Amendment No. 3401), to strike the section dealing with border search authority for certain contraband in outbound mail.

Pages S 4560, D 512

Reid (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3465 (to Amendment No. 3401), to provide that the benefits provided under any preferential tariff program, excluding the North American Free Trade Agreement, shall not apply to any product of a country that fails to comply within 30 days with a United States government request for the extradition of an individual for trial in the United States if that individual has been indicted by a Federal grand jury for a crime involving a violation of the Controlled Substances Act.

Pages S 4561, D 512

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 21, 2002.

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Committee Meeting:

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine financial crimes targeting the elderly, focusing on the nature, scope, and effect these crimes have on seniors, and to raise awareness of financial exploitation of the elderly.

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Committee on the Judiciary: @ 2:15 p.m. To hold oversight hearings to examine the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice. SD-226.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 4770. A bill to amend the Act of June 1, 1948, to enhance homeland security and the public property protection capabilities of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R. 4771. A bill to amend the Act popularly known as the Declaration of Taking Act to require that all condemnations of property by the Government proceed under that Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

"...The Prompt Compensation Act will ensure that private land holders are not held in limbo by the federal government during a land purchase. My bill will require the government to obtain land only through the 'quick take' procedure. The Prompt Compensation Act will make a significant impact in curbing the abuses of the federal takings proceedings, while at the same time strengthening the private property rights of America's landowners..."

Hunter

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H.R. 4775. A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 4777. A bill to establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, International Relations, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Roemer

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H.R. 4778. A bill to amend title I of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* to provide for more effective enforcement by the Department of Labor of the requirements of such title relating to participation, vesting, benefit accrual, and funding; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Sanders

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3375, to provide compensation for the United States citizens who were victims of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001. (H. Rept. 107-477)

H.R. 2068, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to public buildings, property, and works, as title 40, United States Code, "Public Buildings, Property, and Works," amended. (**H. Rept. 107-479**)

H.R. 4775, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107-480)

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Committee Meetings for Tuesday, May 21, 2002:

Committee on Government Reform: @ 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Civil Service, Census and Agency Organization, hearing on "More Value for Federal Employees: Cafeteria Benefit Plans." 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules: @ 4:30 p.m. To consider a measure making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. H-313 Capitol.

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Remark:

Controversial Aspects of Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

Kaptur

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New Public Laws

H.R. 3093, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 501 Bell Street in Alton, Illinois, as the "William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

Signed on May 17, 2002. (Public Law 107-177)

H.R. 3282, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

Signed on May 17, 2002. (Public Law 107-178)

Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., May 21, 2002. Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., May 21, 2002.

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